States subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakh. The Scheme for Food Park provides 25% and 33.33% for general areas and difficult areas respectively, including Assam and North Eastern States, subject to a maximum of Rs. 4 crores. The Ministry also implements schemes for R&D, HRD and for promotional activities in the North East.

Projects for food processing units in Gujarat

1334. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and other resources provided to the State of Gujarat in the matter concerning food processing during the last five years;

(b) whether Government are aware of great scope for establishing processing units in North Gujarat for the products of isabgul and carrot; and

(c) the facilities to be provided by Government if local industrialists come forward for establishing such units in North Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) During the last five years, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries provided financial assistance of Rs. 1301.15 lakh to 42 implementing agencies in the State of Gujarat under different Schemes of this Ministry in Sectors like Oil Milling, Rice Milling, Pulse Milling, Bakery, Fruit & Vegetable, Deep Sea Fishing & Fish Processing, Consumer Industries, Milk processing, Sectoral Economic Service, Research & Development, etc. Under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries, the Ministry provides for financial assistance at the rate of 25% on Technical Civil Works and Plant & Machinery subject to a cap of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas. This assistance shall be available to industrialists applying through the State Nodal Agency as per requisite norms and procedures.

Projects for NER

1335. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned by Government in North Eastern Region during 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 indication the fund allotted, project-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of new projects proposed to be taken up in the current financial year and funds earmaked therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the new incentives/intiatives to promote such industries in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) A statement showing the number of projects sanctioned, and the financial assistance approved to the North Eastern States, States-wise during 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 enclosed *(See* below).

(b) and (c) The schemes of the Ministry are project specific and not area/region specific. However, grant at higher rate of 33.33%, subject to a cap of Rs. 75 lakhs for Technical Civil works and Plant and Machinery is provided for difficult areas including North Eastern Region for Technological Upgradation, Modernization and Establishment of Food Processing Industries. Government does not set up food processing industries on its own. However, financial assistance is provided to the project proposals found technically feasible and financially viable.

Statement

Number of projects sanctioned and financial assistance approved to the North Easter region during 2002—2006

Name of the	2003-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
State/Year	No. of cases	Total Amount Approved* (Rs. in Lakhs)	NO. Of cases	Total Amount Approved* (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of cases	Total Amount Approved* (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of cases	Total Amount approved * (Rs. in Lakhs)
Assam	4	173.68	7	274.28	9	243.75	5	44.34
Manipur	5	88.44	1	93.55	0	0.00	1	11.77
Meghalaya 8.34	0	0.00		0	25.00	1	24.79	0
Mizoram 0.00	0	0.00		0	75.00	0	0.00	0
Nagaland 17.35	0	0.00		1	40.75	0	0.00	1
Tripura	1	63.00	2	33.07	0	0.00	0	0.00
Arunachal Pradesh	1.	43.36	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

There can be instances of no project being approved in a financial year, yet financial assistance approved in that year because the financial assistance is disbursed in two phases spreading over period beyond a financial year.